SHARP NOTES SHOULD ALSO GO TO A FEW ACTORS

Dramatic Damnation Does Not Lie in Artificiality

Playwrights Have Many Good Reasons to Induce Them to Think in Terms of the Theatre Rather than in Terms of Life.

By HEYWOOD BROUN.

There is no necessary dramatic damnation in artificiality. "Bunny" may or may not be a good play, but to say "it is artificial" and therewith ismiss it as unworthy of critical attention is to act without due process

In defending "Bunny" let us defend an abused adjective. Permit the eye to slide down the page past "artichoke," "articulate" and "artifice" until it comes to "artificial." Here, if the book be Funk & Wagnall's breezy 1918 edition, one may read: "Produced or composed by art rather than nature, but of the same materials, and with the same or nearly the same result." It is true that if you read further down among the definitions "artificial" fares much worse, so we elect to stand by its first

Yet it is not necessary to quibble over-closely in order to make out a case for the man who writes an artificial play. After all, the conditions of the stage make artificiality not only unavoidable but desirable. A character should not tramp into a play all muddy with life. He must be prepared to accept cartain stage conditions. It is not meet that he should complain because the room into which he has been thrust has only three walls, nor should be object to speaking in tones loud enough for those in the gallery to hear, or balk at revealing his emotions without undue re-

Theatrical things have been too much bedevilled. It has come to be a siander to secuse an author of turning out a well-made play, and no person who writes for the stage cares to confess that he is more interested in the theatre than in life. The man who thinks in terms of the theatre, if he thinks well enough, should not be despised. It does not seem to us capable of serious denial that playmaking is somewhat bound by rule or formula or whatever you care to call those limitations which are imposed upon the author. For instance, we defy any living author to devise a successful play for New York City which shall require more than five hours for presentation. We defy anybody to devise a successful play which calls for more than a hundred speaking parts, and we defy the genius of the world to supply New York with a successful play which does not provide at least one intermission.

It is true that the moment a master !errives he can and probably will break PLAYS OF THE WEEK. knee, but mind! he must be a master.

The broad limitations we have suggested might resist his assault, since they are founded on such well established things as the conventional Julia Sanderson, Donald Brian and luncheon and dinner hours, the com-mercial organization of the theatrical that is destined to become as well

Such an attitude is not quite fair to the playwright. The author asks two hours and a half or three hours from his audience and agrees in return to entertain it for just that time. He is under no obligation to send the folk away with something to dream upon and to think about over the week-and. Of course a great play makes an impression which lasts beyond the doors of the playbouse, but that is a dravier of second. It is not considerable splash on the road during the last two weeks. The sanderson-Brian-Cawthorn play will serve to bring the list two weeks. The sanderson-Brian-Cawthorn play will serve to bring the last two weeks. The sanderson-Brian-Cawthorn play will serve to bring the last two weeks. The sanderson-Brian-Cawthorn play will serve to bring the liberty Theatro back to the legitimate—if one makes an exception of "The Blue Pierrots," which one really should. Consequently the opening on Monday promises to be a quadruple event. Max Brody and Trank Martos wrote the original "Sybil," and Harry Graham and H. B. Smith applied the pulmotor on this side of the water. The music is by victor Jacobi. of the playhouse, but that is a dra-

Great Lover and "Major Barbara in varying measure show the shilling of their respective authors in deserting life now and again for that which is theatrically effective.

It is not life but sheer theatricallam when Judge Filsen in "Common Clay" discovers that the girl he is cross-

examining is his daughter. We admit that the incident faris to thrill us at all, but we are not prepared to deny that it is the intrically effective. In the same spirit George Bernard Shaw knows that no gunmaker in the world. enows that he guaranteed as even though he he the most intelligen gunmaker, would make such a speect as Undershaft's creed of an amorer Mr. Shaw very wisely decided that I would be much better to have a brilliant speech than a natural one. I would be much better to have a bril-iant speech than a natural one. It is periectly permissible that the gramatist should lie about life a little. Only he must not seem too obviously to lie.

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After an entire season of Hes, even
shiful ones, we shall loudly clamor for
the truth, be it ever so stupid. Just now the drama has been close enough to truth. The swing back to Res is not depiorable. The artificial drama may

Of this we are certaint a pretty good Mary Seymour. pleasant play is immeasurably superior to a pretty good unpleasant play. Of course when it comes to unpleasant plays which are also great the question changes. And the question what was it, anyway? "Bunno"? Oh, yes, "Bunny" hasn't a thing in the world to do with life and "Bunny" is an interesting and whimsical little reclodrams for all of that

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYS.

Julian Eltinge and his complete repetrory of gowns will onen a week's engagement at the Standard Theatre tomorrow evening. Eltinge is presenting the Charles Klein's comedy. "Cousin Lucy," a play with a little numic and a huge amount of feminine wearing apparel. Most of the latter will be seen on the accomplished Julian.

"Rolling Stones," Edgar Selwyn's bright comedy of youth and the candy business, will be seen this week at the Bronx Opera House. Charles Ruggles cantinues in the cast as the principal funnanker, and is assisted by Marie Carroll, Harrison Ford, Arthur Aylesworth, Margaret Brainerd, Rae Selwyn, Frank Kingdon and odiers.

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Sothern in "David Garrick."

E. H. Sothern's postponed premiere in David Garrick. "Business of the Margaret premiere in the leading role of the Tom Roberts and comedy.

known as the trio headed by the illus-To return to "Bunny," which is an trious Augustus. In "The Girl from exceedingly artificial play and quite Utah" these three have been establishan enjoyable one, a wise theatregoer ing themselves from coast to coast in remarked, "It is pretty poor stuff. I the last several seasons, and in "Sybil" liked it while I was in the theatre, but they are said to have a success of even when I came out I realized that it was greater proportions. The assertion is based on more than rumor, for "Sybil" Such an attitude is not quite fair to has created considerable splash on the

matic miracle which should be received reverently. Miracles occur only now and again. Daily exercise in moving mountains tends to strain the most lusty faith.

There has been just one miracle this season. It is "The Wesvers." Hauptmann riddled rules when he wrote the play. The danger of such radicalism is shown in the fact that the way did not reach the stage is an English the piot gets under way in earnest.

production inspired by the Shakespearinn tercentenary. It is by Philip Moeller, author of "Helena's Husband."

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be "The Clod." by Lewis Reach, and
"The Tener," by Wedekind, translated
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Robert Hilliard, who has not been aren in New York since "The Argyla Cane," will take possession of the Maxine Elliott Thentre on Tuesday night that a new play called "The Pride of Race." It is the work of Michael L. Lundman, and is a dramatization of Wallace Irwin's story, "What Became of Deegan Folk." To phrase it millly. "The Pride of Race" is rather certain to "cause talk," regardless of carmatis merits or shortcomings.

Mr. Landman has written his play in a prologue and three and Men," a Famous Players tolesse, with Marguerite Clark in the work of Michael L. At the Candler Theatre to night Burton Holmes at the Candler. At the Candler Theatre to night Burton Holmes of the produced next tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the sealing role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesses, with Marguerite Clark in the geading role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesand men's country in the gealing role. "Mice and Men," a Famous Players tolesand men's country in the proper a five particular tolesand men's country in the proper a five particular tolesand men's country in the five particular tolesand men's country in the proper a five particular tolesand m

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"The Little Minister" at the Empire.

Babbie at the Empire Theatre on Luc-day evening. Miss Adams has been playing "The Little Minister" on the road for many seasons, but this will be her first New York appearance in the play for about ten years. New York will see an entirely new produc-tion, and even the text has been pol-ished a little by Mr. Barrie.

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In Miss Adams's company with be balles Anderson Fred Tyler, Morton Selten, Elises Clarens, J. L. Carhart, David Torrence, J. M. McFarlane, Gladys Gillen, Wallace Jackson, R. Peyton Carter, Charles Gay, Willard Barton, C. Gay, Ada Boshell and Angela



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"In Gamine," which achieved considerable success in Paris, will be presented for the first time at the Theatre sented f "Parisian Romance" Also Filmed

Theatre for the coming week will be nition. The remainder of the pro-"Mice and Men," a Famous Players gramme will be new.

Charles Waldron, Clarence Handyarde, Robert Conville and William McKey.

Other pictures will be a new comedy; travel pictures of "Unchanging Holland," in colors, and the Strand review. The vocal soloists for the week are Martha de Lachmann, soprano; Martin Richardson, tenor, and Bruce Weyman, barytone. Alfonso Zelsya, the Spanish pianist, has been retained for a second

"A Parisian Romance," one of Richard Mansfield's greatest successes. will be seen at the Academy of Music for four days, beginning to-day, and at the Riverside Theatre to-day only in the film version H. Cooper Cliffe will be seen as Baron Chevrial, and Dorothy Green as Rosa, the ballet girl Others in the play will be Margaret Skirvin, Angelica Spier, Isabel O'Madigan, Clarence Heritage, Harold Hart-

The success of "Temptation" at the Broadway has resulted in the extension of the engagement for another week Geraldise Farrar is the star of the

ell, Dion Titheradge and Mrs. Cecil

The feature picture at the Strand go through before she achieves recog-



he programme.

pital Autonome, at Nevers, France,

Anthony Bellchamber Is Ever a Dramatic Figure

Off the Stage, Otis Skinner Is the Embodiment of Man-Roles-His Reasons for Not Going Into Pictures.

By GEORGE S. KAUFMAN.

Roughly speaking, there are all sorts of actors. The roughness, of course, belongs to the statement as a whole; there is no intention to speak roughly of the actors. Eliminating the roughness for the sake of argument, however, a recount merely proves the accuracy of the assertion. Speaking not roughly, but smoothly; quoting net figures after deducting for returns and brenkage; taking with all the conservatism of a German estimate of the number of lost L. boats—there ARE all sorts of actors. Furthermore, there is a certain kind in particular—a kind that one has been hearing considerable about in the past few years. Well, this story is about the other kind.

It is reasonable to suppose that you travagant claims were made for the we were informed that a new phase the drama was dawning, and so ex, as so on. But, after all, the pictures at the drama was dawning, and so ex, as so on. But, after all, the pictures of on. But, after all, the pictures of the set only partially expressive of the set only p

It is reasonable to suppose that you "Sheer mechani know all about the actor who is an entirely different sort of fellow off the stage. He is a thoroughly estimable person and a credit to the community. The stage is a matter to be supposed that you "Sheer mechanical factor of the siles to replace the warm voice, the action the person and a credit to the community.

but he has been getting into the papers a good deal of late. He is the man the has a country place, or perhaps it's merely a the bear good deal of late. He is the man the has a country place, or perhaps it's merely a the infection was that of the begue think he is when you see him on the stage. Why, when you see him without his make-up-etc, etc, etc!

A large number of actors have relectantly permitted themselves to be exposed in that fashion. Here they have been playing doddering nonogenarians for years, they will tell you and the truth is that they will be only deleven months old on their next hirtheay. Now, what do you think of that? So it is with a grand and free and untrammelled sensation—a feeling as of clear spaces and open roads, as the poet ing for is lost. Frequently members to be, and who glories in it.

When the beauty of time he mais.

A play! A play! Give me a play:
The infection was that of the begue to the desired with the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. "A comedy gour photoplays; give me a good one eight and you are welcome to the oriental Bluston. To carry the oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was that of the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was that of the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the Oriental Bluston. The oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the oriental Bluston was the purple dressing gown to carry of the purple d

actor who is the thing that he pretends to be, and who giories in it.

Where Otis Skinner is, there is his theatre. His matinees begin when he arises at "Cock-o'-the-Walk's" crow, and they continue until time for the night performances. And he plays seven days a week and fifty-two weeks a year. Skinner is so happy in being an actor that it is impossible for him not to act. He waves an arm to emphasize a point and you recognize the magnificent gesture of Colonel Philippe Brideau; he leans back in his neat and you are gazing at Antony Bellchamber.

An apartment off Madison Square, a purple dressing gown, a haif-finished orceafast—not even this combination can dent, far less expunge, the vivid personality of Skinner. His less a personality picturesque—skirt around it though one does, there is no douging the least overdoing, the laugh of order of these things destroys the angle of the standard over the laugh.

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can dent. Far less expands to personality of Skinner. His is a personality picturesque—akirt around it though one does, there is no dodging the word. And the thought that flew to the mind was inevitable:

"Surely, Mr. Skinner, you will do some acting for the films."

"Ho! Ho!" His arms flew up—the gesture belonged to Lafayette Towers, the out-at-elbows actor of "Your Humble Servant." "The past summer! have spent most pleasantly and entertaining ly". Mr. Skinner was not speaking, but declaiming "brushing the persistent victure man away from my front steps Sometimes! would say to one of them: "Hold on! Not a word! You are going to tell me two things. You are going to tell me that it is my duty to nosterity to have my acting recorded on

THE STAR OF "THE PRINCESS PAT"



League of America, will be a large of Hursday afternoon. The programme will include the first production on any stage of "Le Jardinier." by Einar Lin-Miss Eleanor Painter, who is building a reputation in stage of "Le Jardinier." by Einar Lin-Miss Eleanor Painter, who is building a reputation in stage of "Le Jardinier." Some operation in some operation of the Hospital Control of the Hospi